



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held July 20, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“Assemblymember Paul Koretz (D – West Hollywood) has introduced Assembly Bill 2222 (AB 2222) designed to prevent boater deaths from carbon monoxide poisoning. The Recreation Boaters of California, a Statewide organization that promotes boater safety, is supporting this legislation, which would prohibit the operation of a boat while someone is either teak surfing or body surfing while the boat is underway. Teak surfing is a fad in which swimmers hang from the rear of a moving boat and drop off to surf the wake. AB 2222 has been introduced to protect boaters and swimmers from this practice, which has killed 3 people since the year 2000 from engine carbon monoxide. The legislation is supported by research, which has been submitted by Federal health agencies and would provide for enhanced safety on the water ways.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to send correspondence to Governor Schwarzenegger and the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation urging support and early enactment of AB 2222 (Koretz), legislation which would prohibit the operation of a boat while someone is either teak or body surfing while the boat is underway to prevent boater deaths from carbon monoxide poisoning; and
2. Instructed the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to work with Assembly Member Koretz to seek an amendment to allow County lifeguard boats which have a "swim step" used in life-saving and other rescue operations, to be exempt from provisions of AB 2222.

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